Sediment Evaluation Framework

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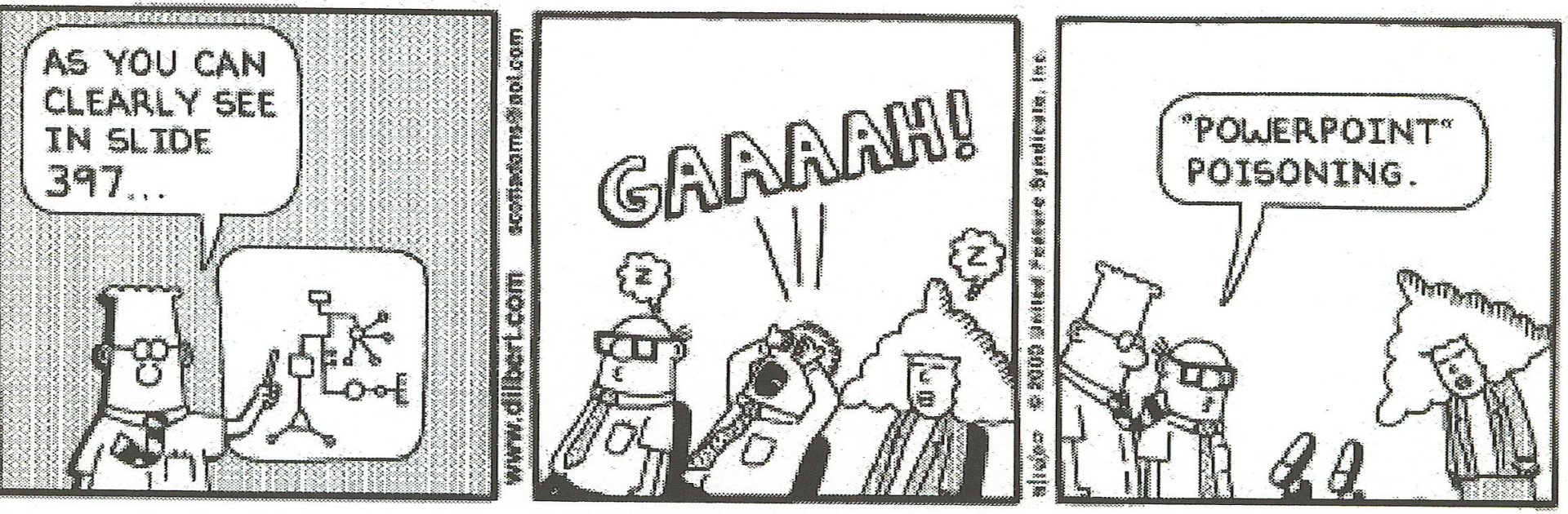
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"POWERPOINT" POISONING.

Status

- **Incorporation of public comments**
- **Issued September 2006**
- **Continued agency review**

SEF Philosophy

- **Tiered testing approach to evaluating sediments**
- **Comprehensive sampling and testing methods to adequately characterize sediment**
- **Site-specific flexibility based on geographic and watershed issues**
- **Consistent evaluation procedures to serve multiple agency objectives**
- **A mechanism to update the manual**

Technical Issues

- **Freshwater sediment quality guidelines**
- **Bioaccumulation**
- **Specific chemicals of concern**
  - **TBT, PAHs, PCBs, DDT**

Policy Issues

- **Exclusionary guidelines**
- **No test volumes**
- **Sampling intensity**

Processes

- **Clean Water Act/MPRSA new work**
- **Verification or renewal of Civil Works or permitted action**
- **In situ contaminated sediment assessment and remedy**
- **Not a CERCLA ARAR**

Consistent and Predictable

Section 10/404/103 Permits

- **Application submitted to Corps Regulatory Branch**
- **Local RSET determines adequacy of sediment information**
- **Public Notice**

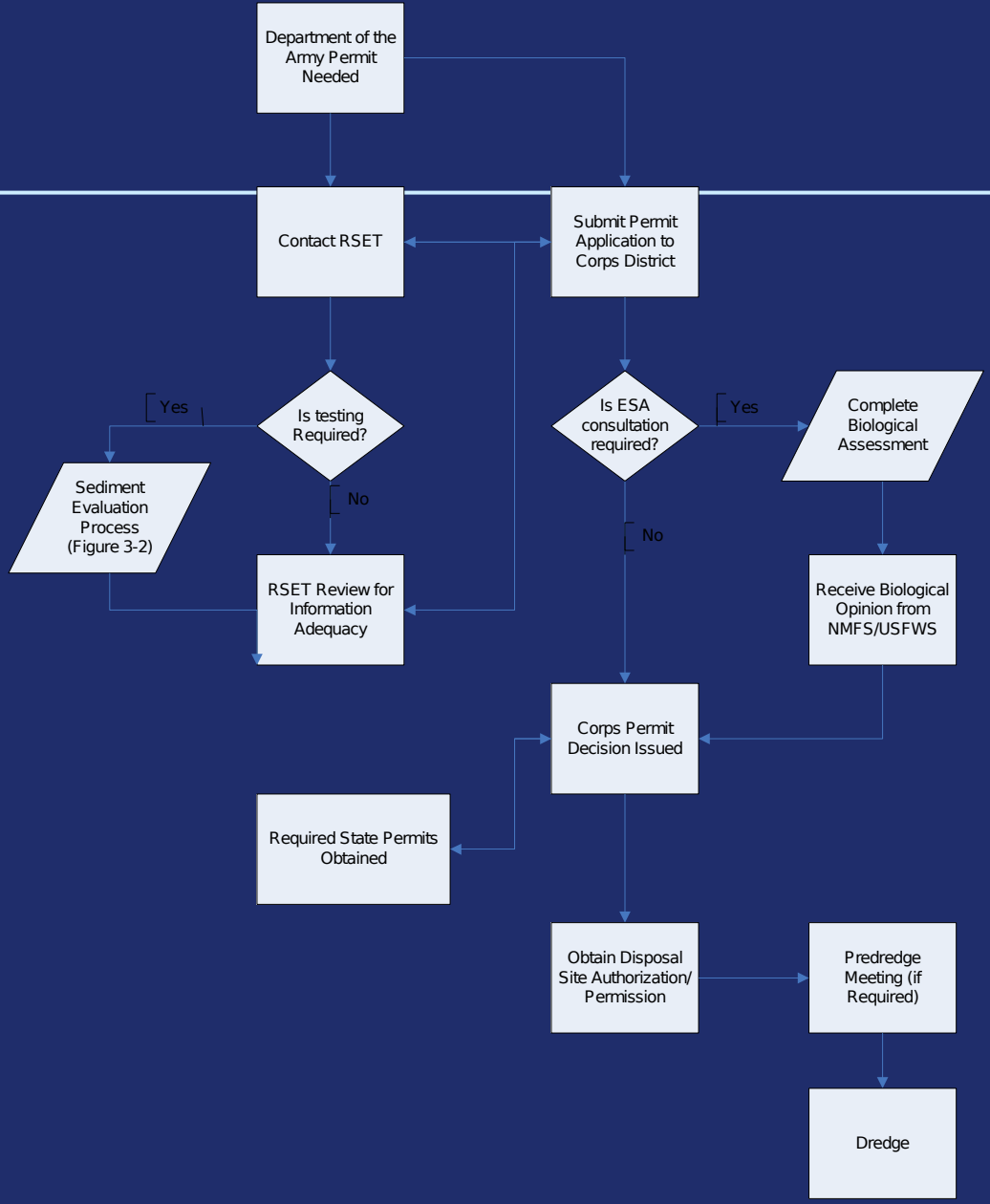


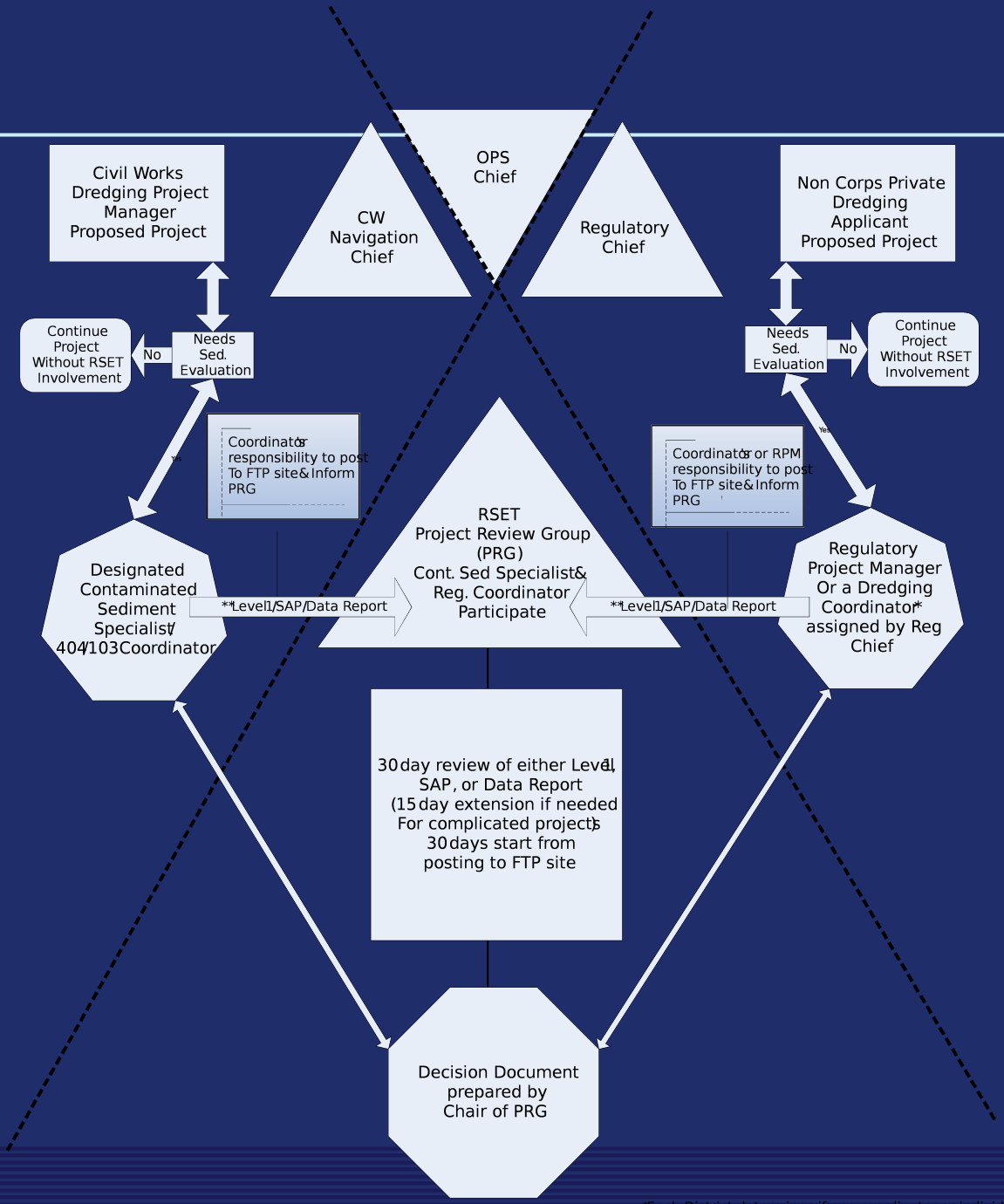
Figure 3-1. Example of New Dredging Project

“BETA TEST”

- **Portland Project Review Group**
- **Use of SEF on project-by project basis to determine testing requirements**
- **RSET interagency team**
- **Consistency and predictability**
- **Documentation of decisions**

Portland Project Review Group

- **Refining processes**
- **Large number of projects**
  - **57 projects with 69 separate actions**
- **Use of technology to speed reviews**
- **30 day review period (average was 26.5 days)**


OPS Chief
CW Navigation Chief
Regulatory Chief
Civil Works Dredging Project Manager Proposed Project
Non Corps Private Dredging Applicant Proposed Project
Needs Sed. Evaluation
No
Continue Project Without RSET Involvement
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No
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Yes
Yes
Coordinator responsibility to post To FTP site & Inform PRG
Coordinator or RPM responsibility to post To FTP site & Inform PRG
RSET Project Review Group (PRG) Cont. Sed Specialist & Reg. Coordinator Participate
Designated Contaminated Sediment Specialist/ 404/103 Coordinator
**Level1/SAP/Data Report
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Regulatory Project Manager Or a Dredging Coordinator* assigned by Reg Chief
30 day review of either Level1, SAP, or Data Report (15 day extension if needed For complicated projects) 30 days start from posting to FTP site
Decision Document prepared by Chair of PRG

*Each District determines if one coordinator or individ

Team Members

- **Oregon DEQ**
- **Washington Ecology**
- **NMFS**
- **Corps**
- **EPA**
- **FWS**

More Steps

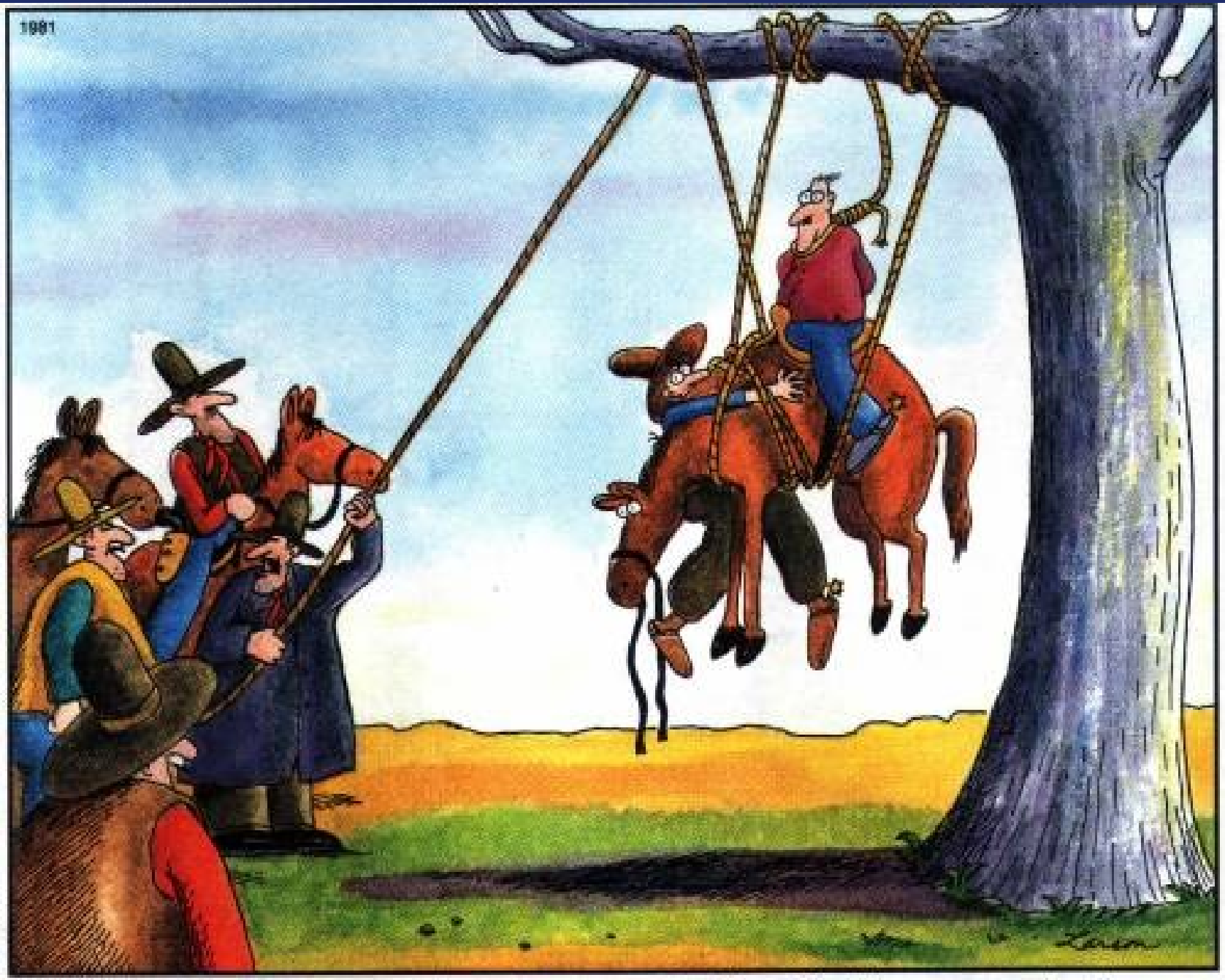
Other Federal actions

CZM, ESA

- **Other permits required**
  - **Varies by state**
  - **HPA, WQC, Removal/fill**

Regional Implementation

- **3 project review groups**
- **Local control and management**
- **Consistent technical evaluations**
- **Quarterly meetings (via phone) for PRGs**
- **Annual report to the public**



"OK, OK, OK... Everyone just calm down and we'll try this thing one more time."

QUESTIONS?